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RE: DOCKET NO. 2004-357-WS

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is an official request to deny the proposed rate increase that Carolina Water Service has requested for the residents of the King's Grant subdivision, located in Dorchester County in South Carolina.

Carolina Water Service has operated outside the standards set for the processing of sewer waste for some time now and really has not demonstrated a desire to become compliant. Many residents in our community continue to experience difficulties and more yards are being dug up and left in an unsightly condition as connections are cleaned out and replaced. The odor that emanates from the processing station has become unbearable for extended time frames and on multiple occasions in the past year.

It is my understanding that Dorchester County Council has been in negotiations with Carolina Water Service to purchase their facilities and undertake the responsibility for the processing the waste generated by our subdivision. However, Carolina Water Service has not negotiated in good faith to resolve the situation.

It is understandable that a minimal increase to off-set expenses may be in order as negotiations with Dorchester County continue. However, a 41.79% increase is neither reasonable nor acceptable. I, therefore, request that you deny the request by Carolina Water Service for the proposed increase.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Roy W. Salmon

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